

Dimethoate Technical Briefing



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Introduction and Background Information

Dimethoate

- ★ Purpose of the Briefing
- ★ Public Participation
- ★ Regulatory History
- ★ Use Profile

Introduction and Overview

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Introduction and Overview

Purpose of Briefing

- ☐ Present overview of dimethoate risk estimates
- ☐ Begin public participation period for risk mitigation strategies
- ☐ Identify where to focus mitigation

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Dimethoate Risk Assessments Consider:

- ☐ **Dietary risk:** *food and drinking water*
- ☐ **Aggregate risk:** *dietary (food) and drinking water*
- ☐ **Worker risk:** *loaders + applicators (handlers), flaggers, and postapplication workers*
- ☐ **Ecological risks:** *birds, mammals, honey bees, fish, and other aquatic species*

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Dimethoate Risk Assessments DO NOT Consider:

- ☐ Residential risk
 - Residential uses are not being supported

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TRAC Pilot Public Participation Process for Dimethoate

Phase	Date
① "Error Only" Review	7/98
② Public Docket Opened	8/98
③ Comment Period Completed	9/99
④ Revised Assessment to USDA	9/99
⑤ Develop Risk Mgt. Options	12/14/99
⑥ Develop Transition Strategy	

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Phase 1: "Error Only" Review by Registrant

Phase 2: Open Public Docket

- ❑ Concerns for acute dietary risk, worker risk, and ecological risk

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Phase 3: Public Participation

- Importance and benefits to agriculture
- Agency policies
 - Common mechanism of toxicity
 - FQPA safety factor
 - Assumptions and methodologies
- Outstanding data and submission schedule

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- Phase 4: Solicit Comments from USDA
 - % Crop treated information
 - Use rates

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Phase 4: Data Received After Public Comment Period

- ☐ 5-day dermal study
- ☐ Acute feeding study
- ☐ Monte Carlo Analysis

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Phase 5: Start of Risk Management

- ☐ Technical briefing (December 14, 1999)
- ☐ Revised risk assessment available in public docket and on the internet
- ☐ Begin 60-day public participation period
- ☐ Public submits risk management ideas
- ☐ Opportunities for stakeholders to meet with EPA

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Regulatory History

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Regulatory History

- ❑ 1950 – USP 2494283 issued to American Cyanamid
- ❑ 1962 – First Insecticide Use Registered

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Regulatory History

□ Active Registrations

- 25 Companies have products
- 112 Product Registrations
 - 51 Section 3s
 - 6 Technical & Manufacturing Intermediates
 - 40 Emulsifiable Concentrates (EC)
 - 5 Wettable Powders (WP)
 - 61 Section 24(c)s
 - 12 States have SLNS

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Regulatory History

- Tolerance (180.204): Established in mid 1960
 - Range from 0.02 to 5.0 ppm
 - 48 Raw Agricultural Commodities (RACs)
 - 20 Meat, Milk & Egg Products
- RPAR issued 1997
- Registration Standard Issued 1983
- Data Call-In 1991

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Use Profile

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Use Profile

- Type of Pesticide
 - Insecticide/ Miticide
 - 21 major crop pests
- Currently registered uses
 - 36 food crop groups
- Application Methods
 - Ground equipment
 - Aerial

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Use Profile

Use Practices

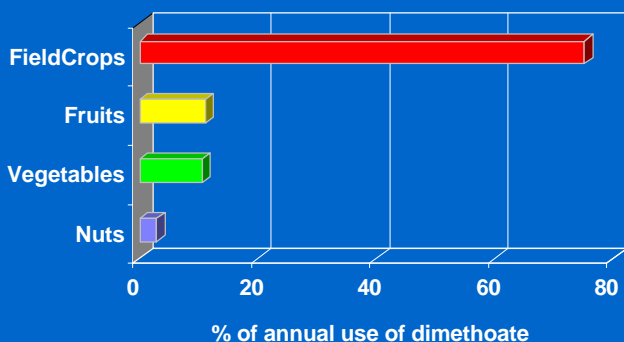
□ Use Rates

- 1-4 applications per season (depending on crop)
- 0.2 to 2.0 lbs a.i. per acre on food crops
- Up to 4 lbs a.i. per acre per season on most ornamentals
- A few other ornamental uses with application rates up to 33 lbs a.i. per acre (conifer seed nurseries and cotton wood)

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Use Profile: Crop Types

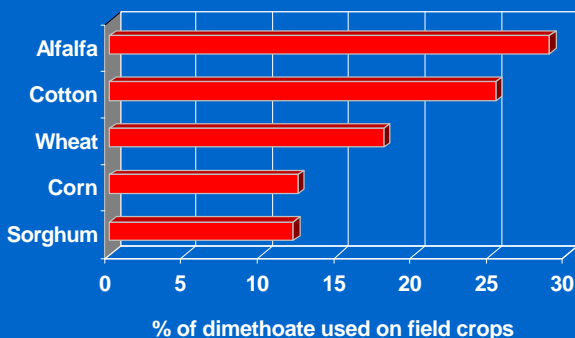
- *Field crops use almost 80% of the 2.5 M lbs ai of dimethoate applied annually*



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Use Profile: Field Crops

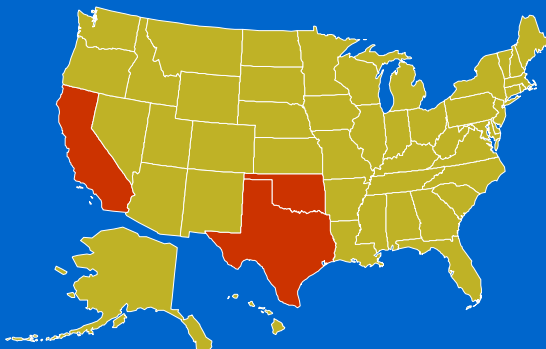
- *Five field crops account for almost all of the 2 M lbs ai used*



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Use Profile: Major FC States

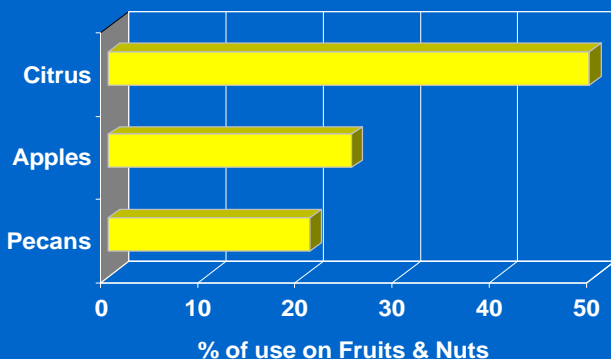
- *CA, TX, and OK use about 50% of the 2 M lbs ai applied to field crops*



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Use Profile: Fruits & Nuts

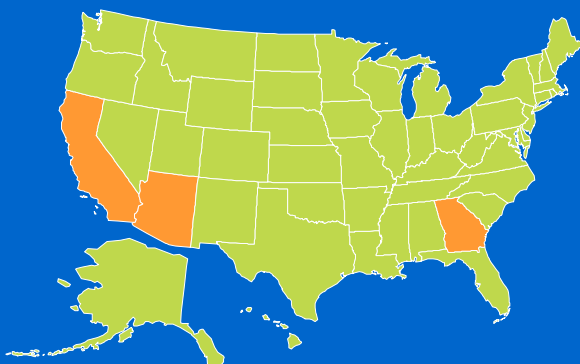
- *Citrus, apples, and pecans account for almost all of the 300K lbs ai used*



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Use Profile: Major F&N States

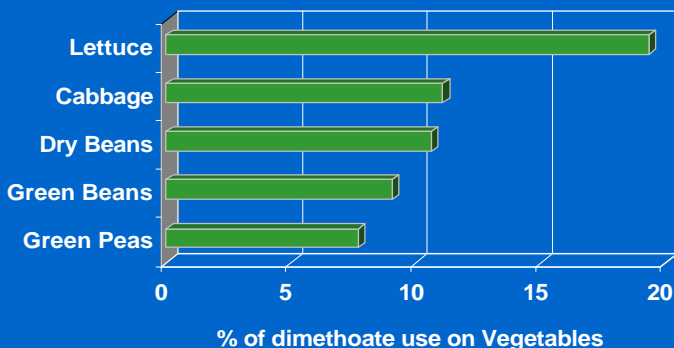
- *CA, AZ, and GA use over 50% of the 300K lbs ai applied to fruits and nuts*



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Use Profile: Vegetables

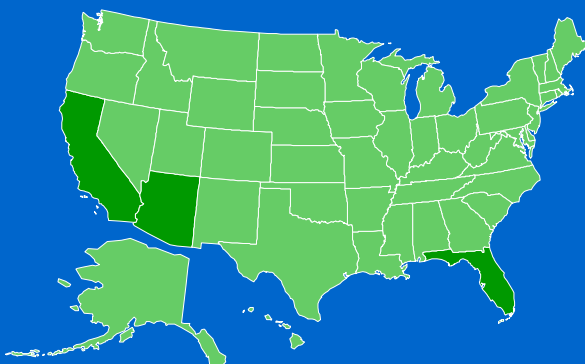
- *5 crops use over 50 % of the 200K lbs ai used on vegetables*



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Use Profile: Major Veg. States

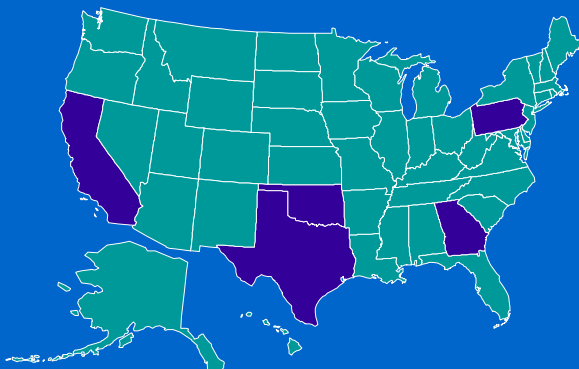
- *CA, AZ, and FL use over 50% of the 200K lbs ai used on vegetables*



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Use Profile: Top 5 States

- CA, OK, TX, GA, and PA account for over 50% of the 2.5 M lbs ai applied



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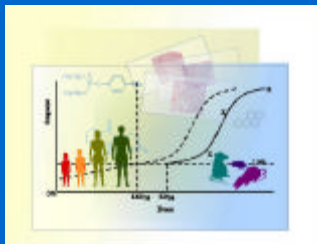
Use Profile: Sources

- Sources of Use Data
 - USDA/NASS and ERS
 - California Department of Pesticide Regulation
 - State Departments of Agriculture
 - National Center For Food and Ag Policy
 - Other sources (e.g., growers and registrant)

www.epa.gov/pesticides/trac/science

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Human Health Risk Assessment



www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/Dimethoate.htm

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Risk Assessment - Overview

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Risk Assessment Components

- Dietary
 - Food
 - Drinking Water
- Occupational
 - Handlers
 - Post-application workers
- Residential
 - There are no residential uses of dimethoate
 - Aggregate (food, drinking water)

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Dietary Risk Equation

Dietary Exposure = Consumption x Residue

Risk = Hazard x Exposure

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Acute Hazard (toxicity)

- ❑ **Study:** Acute oral neurotoxicity study in rats
 - Lack of pupil response
 - No cholinesterase measurements

- ❑ **Endpoint:**

Lack of pupil response in the acute study

- NOAEL: 2.0 mg/kgBW/day
- LOAEL: 20.0 mg/kgBW/day

Additional support provided by two 90-day subchronic studies in which 1 and 3 week ChEI measurements were made

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Chronic Hazard (toxicity)

- ❑ **Study:** 2-year Chronic Feeding Study in Rats
- ❑ **Endpoint (toxic effect):**

Brain and red blood cell cholinesterase inhibition

- NOAEL: 0.05 mg/kgBW/day
- LOAEL: 0.25 mg/kgBW/day

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Analysis of Special Sensitivity of Infants and Children

- ❑ No developmental effects in fetuses
- ❑ No toxicity to offspring below maternally toxic doses
- ❑ No increased sensitivity in pups relative to adults
- ❑ No abnormalities in developing fetal nervous system
- ❑ No histopathology of the nervous system
- ❑ Complete toxicity database
- ❑ Good data - unlikely that exposures are underestimated

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Expression of Risk for Dimethoate

- ❑ Dietary Exposure

$$\text{RfD} = \frac{\text{NOAEL}}{\text{UF}}$$

$$\text{PAD} = \frac{\text{RfD}}{\text{FQPA Safety Factor}}$$

$$\% \text{PAD} = \frac{\text{Exposure}}{\text{PAD}} \times 100$$

- PAD = Population Adjusted Dose
- Less than 100% PAD is not of concern
- The smaller, the better

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Acute Population Adjusted Dose (aPAD)

aPAD = 0.02 mg/kg/day, based on:

- NOAEL of 2.0 mg/kg/day
- Uncertainty Factors:
 - 10X interspecies extrapolation
 - 10X intraspecies variability
 - 1X FQPA Safety Factor

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Chronic Population Adjusted Dose (cPAD)

cPAD = 0.0005 mg/kg/day, based on:

- NOAEL of 0.05 mg/kg/day
- Uncertainty Factors:
 - 10X interspecies extrapolation
 - 10X intraspecies variability
 - 1X FQPA Safety Factor

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Dietary Risk - Overview

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Acute and Chronic Dietary Risk Assessment

$\text{Risk} = \text{Hazard} \times \text{Exposure}$

Exposure = Consumption x Residue

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Source of Data

□ Consumption Data

- USDA's Continuing Survey of Food Intake by Individuals (CSFII) 1989-92 Data
- 1994-96 data are being validated for future use

□ Residue Data

- Monitoring data (PDP, FDA) ==> ~75% of crops
- field trial data

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Types of Risk Assessments

□ Acute Dietary:

Conducted Tier 1 (non-probabilistic) and Tier 3 (probabilistic) assessments

- Tier 1 assumed tolerance level residues and 100% crop treated (1997, results: risks above level of concern)
- Tier 3 used monitoring data, single-serving PDP data, % of crop treated, field trial data, processing data, and cooking studies from literature. Tolerance values were also used.

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USDA PDP Data Used for Dietary Risk Assessment

- ❑ Apples, apple juice
- ❑ Pears
- ❑ Grapes, grape juice
- ❑ Green Beans, fresh, can & frozen
- ❑ Celery
- ❑ Oranges, orange juice
- ❑ Spinach
- ❑ Tomatoes
- ❑ Milk
- ❑ Broccoli
- ❑ Lettuce

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Translated Foods

- ❑ Brussels sprouts (lettuce)
- ❑ Mustard green (spinach)
- ❑ Swiss Chard (spinach)
- ❑ Peas (green beans)
- ❑ Lentils (green beans)
- ❑ Hot pepper (tomato)
- ❑ Lemons (oranges)
- ❑ Tangerines (oranges)
- ❑ Lemon juice (orange juice)
- ❑ Tangerine juice (orange juice)
- ❑ Apples- single serving data (pears- single serving data)

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FDA Data

- ☐ Cherries
- ☐ Asparagus
- ☐ Cauliflower
- ☐ Grapefruits,
- ☐ Grapefruit Juice
- ☐ Kale
- ☐ Leaf Lettuce
- ☐ Potatoes
- ☐ Collards
- ☐ Endives
- ☐ Sweet Pepper
- ☐ Soybeans
- ☐ Wheat

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Magnitude of the Residue Data from Field Studies

- ☐ Blueberries
- ☐ Cabbage
- ☐ Cottonseed (oil and meal)
- ☐ Egg/Poultry
- ☐ Field Corn
- ☐ Meat
- ☐ Melons
- ☐ Pecan
- ☐ Popcorn
- ☐ Pork
- ☐ Safflower
- ☐ Sorghum
- ☐ Turnips
- ☐ Watermelons

Note: For all of the commodities except for sorghum tolerance level residues were used

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Residues of Concern

Dimethoate + Omethoate

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Dimethoate + Omethoate

Dimethoate (Dim)	Omethoate (Om)	Addition Method
Detect	Detect	Dim detect + Om detect
Detect	Non-Detect	Dim Det + $\frac{1}{2}$ LOD for Om for that sample
Non-Detect	Detect	$\frac{1}{2}$ LOD for Dim for that sample + Om Detect
Non-Detect	Non-Detect	$\frac{1}{2}$ LOD for Dim for that sample + $\frac{1}{2}$ LOD for Om for that sample

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Dimethoate + Omethoate

Dimethoate (Dim)	Omethoate (Om)	Addition Method
Detect	Not analyzed	Detect for Dim + Detect (same value) for Om
Non-Detect	Not Analyzed	$\frac{1}{2}$ LOD for Dim for that sample + $\frac{1}{2}$ average LOD for Om for that commodity
Not Analyzed	Detect	Detect for Om + Detect (same value) for Dim
Not Analyzed	Non-Detect	$\frac{1}{2}$ LOD for Om for that sample + $\frac{1}{2}$ average LOD for Dim for that commodity

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Examples of Residue Data Used

Crop/Commodity Specific Residue Data Used in Dietary Risk Assessment

Crop/Commodity	Residue Data Used
Broccoli	Residue data from monitoring data plus cooking factors. Source: USDA's PDP, Literature
Collards	Residue data from monitoring data plus cooking factors Source: FDA, Literature
Pears	Data from single-serving samples Source: PDP (1998 special survey)
Melons	Tolerance level (1 ppm) Source: Field trial data

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Probabilistic Acute Dietary Analysis Results

Risk Estimates as Percent of the aPAD

Population	99.9 th Percentile
U. S. Population	41
Infants	31
Children 1-6	86
Children 7-12	37

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Chronic Dietary Analysis Results

Risk Estimates as Percent of the cPAD

Population	%cPAD
U.S Population	20
Infants	23
Children 1-6	36
Children 7-12	20

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Dietary Risk Assessment: *Summary*

□ Acute

- Highly refined
- Acute risk estimates are below the level of concern

□ Chronic

- Limited refinement
- Chronic risk estimates are below the level of concern

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Drinking Water Risk Assessment

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Drinking Water Risk Assessment

- ❑ Conducted because of use pattern and environmental fate profile
- ❑ Available drinking water monitoring data are limited
- ❑ Drinking water assessment is based on surface water monitoring data and simulation modeling for surface and ground water

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Drinking Water Risk Assessment

- ❑ Acute (For children 1-6)
 - 86% of the acute PAD used by exposure through food, leaving 14% for drinking water exposure
 - Models show application rates 4 lbs a.i./A or greater are of concern
- ❑ Chronic (For Children 1-6)
 - 36% of chronic PAD used by exposure through food, leaving 64% for drinking water exposure
- ❑ Modeled EECs and limited monitoring data were less than levels of concern for most uses.

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Aggregate Risk Assessment

- Aggregate risk assessment of dimethoate currently includes food and drinking water only
- Both adults and children considered
- Acute and chronic aggregate risks are not expected to be of concern for most uses

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Occupational Risk Assessment

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Dimethoate Occupational Risk Assessment

Handlers

- *includes professional pesticide applicators, farmer/growers who mix, load and apply pesticides*

Postapplication Workers

- *Include workers who prune, thin, hoe, prop, and harvest crops following pesticide application*

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Handler Assessment

- The handler risk assessment is based on:
 - Activity (e.g., mixer/loader)
 - Formulation and application equipment (e.g., emulsifiable liquid, groundboom, aerial)
 - Unit exposure (mg ai/lb ai handled)
 - Rate of application (lb ai/acre)
 - Areas treated per day (e.g., acres/day)
 - Levels of protection (e.g., PPE or engineering controls)
 - Toxicity endpoint

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Toxicity Endpoints for Occupational Risk Assessment – Short-term

Dermal	Study	5-day dermal in rats
	NOAEL	10 mg/kg/day
Inhalation	Study	90-day feeding in rats 90-day neurotoxicity in rats
	NOAEL	2.0 mg/kg/day
Endpoint: ChEI of plasma, RBC, and brain (D) Absence of pupillary response, ChEI of plasma (I) UF = 100		

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Toxicity Endpoints for Occupational Risk Assessment – Intermediate-term

Dermal	Study	90-day feeding in rats 90-day neurotoxicity in rats
	LOAEL	3.2 mg/kg/day (11% dermal absorption)
Inhalation	Study	90-day feeding in rats 90-day neurotoxicity in rats
	LOAEL	3.2 mg/kg/day (100% absorption)
Endpoint: ChEI of plasma, RBC, and brain (D, I) UF = 300		

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Handler Assessment

Handler Exposure and Risk Calculations (Dermal)

$$\text{MOE} = \frac{\text{NOAEL (mg/kg/day)}}{\text{Dose (mg/kg/day)}}$$

$$\text{Dose} = \frac{(\text{unit exposure}) \times (\text{appl. rate}) \times (\text{acres/day}) \times (\% \text{absorption})}{\text{Body Weight}}$$

NOTE: Correction for dermal absorption is required for intermediate-term dermal risk assessment

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Handler Assessment

□ Data Sources:

- Labels
- Use information
- Standard Assumptions
- Chemical-specific studies
- Pesticide Handlers Exposure Database (PHED)

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Pesticide Handlers Exposure Database (PHED)

- ❑ Developed by Task Force -- USEPA, Health Canada, California DPR, and ACPA
- ❑ Contains actual monitored data generated by registrants
- ❑ Harmonized use of the database

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PHED Strengths

- ❑ Most complete source of pesticide monitoring data available
- ❑ Data and system extensively peer reviewed
- ❑ Adds consistency to risk assessments
- ❑ Widely accepted by industry and others

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Handler Assessment Scenarios

□ Emulsifiable Concentrate (EC) and Wettable Powder Formulations

- **Mixer/Loader**
 - Airblast, Groundboom, and Aerial Applications
- **Applicator**
 - Airblast, Groundboom, and Aerial Applications
- **Flagger**
 - Aerial Applications

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Handler Assessment – Intermediate-term (UF = 300)

Groundboom Application

Tomatoes, 0.5 lb ai/a – EC, 80 acres treated
combined dermal and inhalation

Activity	Range of MOEs		
	Baseline	PPE	Engineering Controls
Mixing/Loading	17	1500 (g)	-
Applying	2500	-	-

(g) = c/r gloves

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Handler Assessment – Intermediate-term (UF = 300)

Airblast Application

Apples, 0.5 lb ai/a – EC, 40 acres treated,
combined dermal and inhalation

Activity	Range of MOEs		
	Baseline	PPE	Engineering Controls
Mixing/Loading	35	3000 (g)	-
Applying	250	360 (g)	-

(g) = c/r gloves

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Handler Assessment – Intermediate-term (UF = 300)

Aerial Application

Citrus, 0.5 lb ai/a – EC, 350 acres treated,
combined dermal and inhalation

Activity	Range of MOEs		
	Baseline	PPE	Engineering Controls
Mixing/Loading	4	340 (g)	-
Applying	-	-	2100
Flagging	820	-	-

(g) = c/r gloves

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Handler Assessment – Intermediate-term (UF = 300)

Aerial Application

Grapes, 2.0 lb ai/a – WP, 350 acres treated, combined dermal and inhalation

Activity	Range of MOEs		
	Baseline	PPE	Engineering Controls
Mixing/Loading	<1	14 (g,dl,r)	240
Applying	-	-	520
Flagging	210	220 (dl)	540

(g) = c/r gloves; (dl) = double layer clothing; (r) = respirator

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Postapplication Worker Assessment

□ Factors Forming Basis for Risk Assessment :

- Dislodgeable Foliar Residue (DFR):
 - amount of pesticide residue that workers could contact in field
- Transfer Coefficient (Tc):
 - indicator of amount of contact that a worker has for each crop and activity

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Postapplication Worker Assessment

Postapplication Worker Risk Calculations

$$\text{MOE} = \frac{\text{NOAEL (mg/kg/day)}}{\text{Dose (mg/kg/day)}}$$

$$\text{Dose} = \frac{\text{DFR(ug/cm}^2\text{)} \times \text{Tc(cm}^2\text{/hr)} \times \text{Hrs Worked} \times \% \text{Absorption}}{\text{Body Weight (kg)}}$$

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Postapplication Worker Assessment

□ Sources of Information

- DFR Data: Registrant Conducted Studies
 - Four crops (tomatoes, lettuce, apples, grapes)
 - In six states (CA, FL, PA, WA, MI, and NY)
- Transfer Coefficients
 - Standard Values

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Postapplication Worker Assessment

Risk Assessment Results - Harvesting

Crop	Application Rate (lb ai/A)	Days After Application \geq 300
Peas	0.16	* 0-2
Lettuce	0.25	0-2
Peppers	0.33	1-2
Cotton	0.5	1-2
Apples	0.5	15-32
Grapes	2.0	9-23
Woody Ornamentals	2.0	24-50

* 0 day represents 12 hours after application

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Incident Data

□ Dimethoate Incidents

- Incident Data System:
 - 26 allegations of minor affects from application and spray drift
- Poison Control Center (1985 – 96)
 - 177 occupational cases (dimethoate alone); and
 - 764 non-occupational cases (dimethoate alone)
- California DPR (1982-1996)
 - 135 incidents

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Ecological Risk Assessment



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Ecological Risk Assessment

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Environmental Fate and Effects Assessment

- ❑ Environmental Fate Assessment
 - Laboratory and Field Studies
- ❑ Water Resource Assessment
 - Modeling and Monitoring
- ❑ Ecotoxicity
 - Acute and chronic studies
 - Birds, mammals, insects, fish, aquatic invertebrates, and plants.
- ❑ Ecological Risk Assessment
 - Exposure and Toxicity
 - Incidents

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Environmental Fate of Dimethoate

- ❑ Mobile, yet relatively non-persistent organophosphate insecticide.
- ❑ Primary route of dissipation appears to be microbially-mediated hydrolytic and oxidative degradation in aerobic soil.
- ❑ Persistence very sensitive to soil moisture.

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Laboratory Fate Parameters

- ❑ Soil half-life of 2.4 days, CO_2 is major degradate.
- ❑ pH 9 hydrolysis half-life is 4.4 days.
- ❑ Calculated K_d values (based on column leaching studies) ranged from 0.06 to 0.74.
- ❑ Degradate mobility not well defined; but not expected to persist and move through soil.

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Field Dissipation

- ❑ Field half-lives ranged from 5-15 days when applied post-emergence to green beans, grapes, and bareground in CA; grain sorghum in TX; and bareground in NY.
- ❑ Some downward movement through the soil, though residues did not persist.
- ❑ Dimethoxon (omethoate) was detected in all five studies, but degraded fairly rapidly in all but one study. Less mobile than parent.

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Ground Water Assessment

- Although dimethoate is mobile, under most conditions it is not likely to persist and contaminate ground water.
- Typically applied foliarly and is rapidly absorbed and metabolized both on the surface and within the plant by hydrolytic and oxidative processes.

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Ground Water Monitoring

- 1693 wells in 36 counties sampled in CA between 1986-1992. Residues detected at 0.38 and 10.0 ug/L, in two wells. Residues not detected in follow-up samples.
- These detections are generally greater than the concentrations predicted (0.002 ug/L) by the SCI-GROW model.

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Surface Water Assessment

- ❑ Can contaminate surface water at application by spray drift.
- ❑ Low soil/water partitioning indicates that leaching may remove a substantial amount of chemical from the top inch of soil.
- ❑ Biodegradation and alkaline hydrolysis will contribute to the dissipation of dimethoate in surface waters.
- ❑ Generally not detected in monitoring programs.

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Implications for Drinking Water

- ❑ Considering the modeled concentrations, the rate of microbial degradation, and the available monitoring data, dimethoate parent is not likely to exceed 2.0 ug/L for any appreciable length of time.
- ❑ Most modeled scenarios showed estimates of less than 1.0 ug/L at 60-90 days.
- ❑ Values from monitoring studies are lower still.

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Ecological Risk Assessment: Toxicity and Exposure

- ❑ Risk Quotients (RQ)
 - Ratio of exposure concentration to toxicity endpoint (non-granular products)
 - Acute RQ = $\frac{\text{Peak Environmental Concentration}}{\text{LC}_{50} \text{ or } \text{EC}_{50}}$
 - Chronic RQ = $\frac{\text{Peak Environmental Concentration}}{\text{NOAEC}}$
- ❑ Ratio is compared to the Agency's Levels of Concern (LOC).

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Acute Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms

- ❑ Known cholinesterase inhibitor in birds and mammals.
- ❑ Moderately to very highly toxic to avian species on an acute oral basis.
- ❑ Slightly to highly toxic on a subacute basis.
- ❑ Moderately toxic to mammals on an acute oral basis.
- ❑ Highly toxic to bees on an acute contact basis and toxic to bees at 0.5 lbs ai/acre on an acute foliar contact basis.

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Chronic Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms (Birds)

- Multiple avian reproduction effects at > 4.0 ppm(NOAEI):
 - reductions in egg production, viable embryos, 3-week old embryos, normal hatchlings, 14-day old survivors, adult body weights, and eggshell thickness

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Chronic Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms (Mammals)

- Reproductive effects in the rat occurred at greater than 15 ppm:
 - Slightly decreased fertility, pup weight during lactation and number of live births

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Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Organisms

- ❑ Moderate acute toxicity to freshwater and estuarine/marine fish
- ❑ Moderately to very highly acutely toxic to freshwater invertebrates
- ❑ Practically non-toxic to moderately acutely toxic to estuarine/marine invertebrates

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Chronic Toxicity to Aquatic Organisms

- ❑ Adversely affected growth in freshwater fish and survival, reproduction and growth in freshwater invertebrates
- ❑ No data available to assess chronic toxicity to estuarine/marine fish or invertebrates

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Summary of Acute Terrestrial Risk

- ❑ Most uses do not represent a significant acute risk to birds
- ❑ The restricted use LOC is exceeded for one or more food items at all application rates at or above 0.5 lb ai/acre
- ❑ All modeled scenarios result in at least one food item that exceeds the LOC for acute risk to mammals

Summary of Chronic Terrestrial Risk

- ❑ When used at maximum rates for most labels, dimethoate represents a moderate to high risk of sublethal and/or reproductive effects to birds and mammals

Summary of Aquatic Risk

- ❑ Acute risk quotients exceeded levels of concern only for freshwater invertebrates
- ❑ The chronic level of concern is not exceeded in any modeled scenario

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Mortality Incidents

- ❑ Reports of a limited number of incidents involving birds and fish during the 1970's and 1980's. However, there was little evidence that dimethoate was the sole cause of the mortalities
- ❑ Field research studies have shown mortality to avian species (Blus et.al., 1989)

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Summary and Conclusion

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Summary of Revised Dietary Risk Assessment

- ❑ With proposed use changes incorporated:
 - Acute dietary risk at 99.9th percentile is below the level of concern for all population subgroups
 - Chronic dietary risk from food is well below the level of concern for all population subgroups
 - Aggregate risks from food and water do not exceed the Agency's level of concern

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Summary of Worker Risk Assessment

□ Handler Exposure (Applicator)

- With additional PPE, most ground applications at less than 1 lb. a.i./A do not exceed the level of concern
- With additional PPE or engineering controls, most aerial applications of 2 lbs. a.i./A or less do not exceed the level of concern

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Summary of Worker Risk Assessment

□ Post-Application Reentry Exposure

- Based on chemical specific DFR data and standard Tcs
- To meet the target MOE of 300, entry times after treatment range from 12 hours to 87 days, depending on crop and application rates

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Summary of Ecological Assessment

□ Terrestrial

- Acute risk to birds and mammals do not exceed levels of concern for most uses
- Chronic risk levels of concern for birds and mammals are exceeded at maximum use rates for most labels

□ Aquatic

- Acute levels of concern only for aquatic invertebrates are exceeded
- No chronic concerns for aquatic organisms

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Next Steps

- 60-day public participation period opens
- EPA will continue to:
 - Seek public input to address risk issues of concern
 - Meet with interested Stakeholders
 - Develop an interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision Document for Dimethoate

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